

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2411 is a bill introduced by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DELAHUNT). The gentleman from Massachusetts is to be commended on a bill which successfully resolves an environmentally sensitive issue and will benefit the people of Massachusetts.

H.R. 2411 provides for a land exchange and minor boundary adjustment to the Cape Cod National Seashore consistent with requirements of the omnibus parks bill enacted last year. It conveys to Provincetown, Massachusetts, 7.6 acres of Federal land in exchange for approximately 11.2 acres of land outside the park, and modifies the park boundary to include the added land. In addition, the bill extends the statutory term of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission by 10 years to September 2008. The Commission has provided valuable guidance to the Park Service and given local officials and community members a voice in the management of the Seashore.

This bill is noncontroversial and is supported by the administration. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2411.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. DELAHUNT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of legislation which I sponsored which would resolve two matters concerning the Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts. I wish to thank the gentlewoman from Washington for her management of this bill.

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First, as she indicated, the bill would extend the statutory term of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission for some 10 years. Since the seashore was created during the Kennedy administration, the commission has indeed provided invaluable guidance to the National Park Service and given residents of lower Cape Cod towns a voice in the management of the seashore. This extension is strongly supported by local, State and National Park Service officials.

In addition, again as the gentlewoman indicated, the bill includes minor boundary adjustments to the national seashore consistent with requirements enacted last year. These adjustments resolve a decade-old dispute concerning the construction of a solid waste transfer station and is part of a settlement agreement among the Park Service, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the town of Provincetown.

Let me conclude, Mr. Speaker, by thanking and acknowledging the support and the assistance of the Chair of the full committee, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and the Chair of the subcommittee, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) as well as the ranking member of the full committee, the gentleman from California (Mr. MILLER) and my friend, the ranking member of the subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA).

I urge my colleagues to support this noncontroversial yet important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA). (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 2411, as was introduced by my colleague and a Member of the Committee on Resources, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DELAHUNT). This is a piece of legislation that is supported by the National Park Service as well as the local community.

The bill has two provisions. The first provision authorizes a minor land exchange between the National Park Service and the town of Provincetown. The second provision extends of the term of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission. This advisory commission has been in existence since the seashore was established and works with the National Park Service and the local community on numerous issues.

Mr. Speaker, when the committee marked up 2411, it adopted an amendment to the bill that spells out the uses that are permitted on the exchange property and limits the extension of the advisory commission to 2008. These changes have been agreed upon by the National Park Service and the gentleman from Massachusetts, and I do support these provisions as well.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this piece of legislation.

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I, too, yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. LINDA SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2411, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2411, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Washington?

There was no objection.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT) at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND MILITARY/COMMERCIAL CONCERNS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 3(a) of House Resolution 463, 105th Congress, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China:

Mr. COX of California, Chairman,  
Mr. GOSS,  
Mr. BEREUTER,  
Mr. HANSEN,  
Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania,  
Mr. DICKS,  
Mr. SPRATT,  
Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD,  
Mr. SCOTT.

There was no objection.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). Pursuant to House Resolution 477 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 4059.

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#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole